IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel paragraph 047 of the specification of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed. Please substitute replacement paragraph 047, as follows:

[047] The desired engagement between a first pin end and the coupler after lubrication, can most conveniently be set at the sucker rod manufacturing plant or finishing shop. This is accomplished, with these criteria, simply by threading the first pin end in to the hand tight <u>position plane</u>, and then further turning through an angle determined by a card which <u>deviates specifies</u> the API or manufacturer's recommendation.